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Recommendation for approval of additional other resources for approved country programmes

Summary

The present report contains recommendations to increase the other resources ceiling for country programmes previously approved by the Executive Board, because the contributions to other resources for the country programmes have exceeded, or are expected to exceed, the planning levels originally approved by the Board.

It is recommended that the Executive Board approve a total of $375,850,000 in other resources for the approved country programmes for the 18 countries discussed in the present report, for the remaining periods of these programmes, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions.

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Eastern and Southern Africa

Angola

1. The country programme for Angola for the period 2005-2008 (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2004 with an other resources ceiling of $68,000,000. To date, the country programme has received $41,595,400 in other resources, which have been used in the areas of health, nutrition, basic education, early childhood learning, water and sanitation, child protection, HIV/AIDS, and social policy, advocacy and communication. Donors continue to be very responsive to UNICEF requests for funds to catalyze the revitalization of basic social services, and it is anticipated that an additional $54,700,000 will be received in 2006-2008. Therefore, an increase of $27,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $95,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Ethiopia

2. The country programme for Ethiopia for the period 2002-2006 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.2/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2001 with an other resources ceiling of $60,000,000. An increase of the ceiling by an additional $10,000,000 was approved by the Executive Board at the second session of 2005 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.22), for a total other resources ceiling of $70,000,000. To date, the country programme has received $97,330,400 in other resources. For 2006, there is pledged or secured other resources funding of some $69,000,000. These funds will be used to accelerate progress on national goals for WES, health, specifically malaria, immunization and nutrition. Therefore, an increase of $55,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resource ceiling of $125,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Kenya

3. The country programme for Kenya for the period 2004-2008 (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.2) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2003 with an other resources ceiling of $32, 500,000. To date, the country programme has received $32,727,681 in other resources. Donors continue to support the country programme, which aims to support MTSP priorities focusing on development of the arid districts in northern Kenya and safety nets for children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS, in western Kenya. It is anticipated that an additional $52,283,000 will be received by the end of the programme cycle from various donors. Therefore, an increase of $52,500,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $85,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

West and Central Africa

Benin

4. The country programme for Benin for the period 2004-2008 (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.5) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2003 with an other resources ceiling of $16,000,000. The approved country programme focuses on girls' education; reducing under-five and maternal

mortality; the eradication of polio and dracunculiasis; prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and among women of child-bearing age and young people; and reducing child trafficking and strengthening the protective environment of the child through the development of new legislation and a Children's Act. To date, the country programme has received $13,873,300 in other resources. The funds have been used to support girls' education, the eradication of polio and guinea worm, child survival and development and to curb child trafficking. An additional $15,000,000 in other resources is expected during the duration of the country programme period to support the expansion of ongoing activities in these areas. Therefore, an increase of $14,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $30,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Cameroon

5. The country programme for Cameroon for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.3/Add.1) was approved by Executive Board at the second regular session of 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $8,000,000. The other resources ceiling was subsequently increased to $14,000,000 by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2005 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.22). To date, the programme has received $15,119,600, mainly for polio eradication, elimination of neonatal tetanus and measles campaigns, PMTCT, the Accelerated Child Survival and Development (ACSD) strategy, the protection of orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs), the acceleration of girls' education, the child- and girl-friendly schools initiative and the adolescent participation and development programme. The mid-term review (MTR) in December 2005 reaffirmed the relevance of programme objectives as well as the importance of strengthening UNICEF capacities in the areas of social policies, HIV/AIDS, nutrition and water and environmental sanitation (WES). It is anticipated that an additional $4,000,000 will be required to continue this work for the period of the programme cycle. Therefore, an increase of $4,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $18,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Congo

6. The country programme for Congo for the period 2004-2008 (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.6/Rev.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the first regular session of 2004 with an other resources ceiling of $7,500,000. To date, the country programme has received $6,756,900 in other resources. The funds have been used for Roll Back Malaria, girls' education, PMTCT, immunization, rehabilitation of basic social infrastructure and projects for Pygmies. It is anticipated that additional other resources will be received during 2006-2008 for Roll Back Malaria, immunization, protection, Pygmies and girls' education. Therefore, an increase of $4,500,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total of $12,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Côte d'Ivoire

7. The country programme for Côte d'Ivoire for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.4/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $8,000,000. An increase in this ceiling to $23,000,000 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.22) was approved by the Executive

Board at its annual session of 2005. To date, the country programme has already received $18,873,500 in other resources for activities in the areas of water, hygiene and sanitation, immunization, vitamin A supplementation, rehabilitation of health centres, back-to-school activities, children affected by conflict, PMTCT, OVCs, child protection, female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) and birth registration. It is expected that an additional $15,000,000 will be received in 2006-2007. Therefore, an increase of $10,000,000 in other resources is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $33,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

8. The country programme for the Democratic Republic of Congo for the period 2006-2007 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.33) was approved by the Executive Board at its annual session of 2005 with an other resources ceiling of $50,000,000. To date, the country programme has received $28,909,400 in other resources. This is largely due to the priority given by the international community to the stabilization and peace-building process in the country. The funds have been used to accelerate infant mortality reduction, improve access to primary schooling, reinforce the humanitarian response, fight major human rights violations and violence against women and children affected by armed conflict, and promote a comprehensive protective environment for children. Additional significant other resources contributions are expected for programmes for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); basic education; HIV/AIDS as a cross-sectoral programme; acceleration of neonatal, infant and maternal mortality reduction initiatives; the programmatic response to the wild polio virus cases confirmed in Bas Congo province; and protection (gender-based sexual violence and child soldiers). The increased other resources ceiling will also allow UNICEF to contribute to initiatives to accelerate the transition from emergency to development, to reinforce large-scale, high impact interventions in social services and to accelerate progress towards the goals of the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) and the Millennium Development Goals. Therefore, an increase of $40,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $90,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Mali

9. The country programme for Mali for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.6/Add.1) was approved by Executive Board at the second regular session of 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $23,242,000. To date, the country programme has received $23,901,000 in other resources to support ACSD, polio eradication and neonatal tetanus elimination campaigns, and protection of children against abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect. The November 2005 MTR reaffirmed the relevance of the country programme's goals and objectives and their link with the national poverty reduction strategy and, in order to support the Government in promoting a more holistic approach for the fight against HIV/AIDS, recommended the creation of a separate programme component on children and HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that an additional $22,600,000 in other resources will be required to continue this work. Therefore, an increase of $22,600,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $45,842,000 for the period of the country programme.

Niger

10. The country programme for Niger for the period 2004-2007 (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.7/Rev.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2003 with an other resources ceiling of $26,494,000. To date, the programme has received $23,183,000 in other resources to support the response to the nutrition crisis in Niger in 2005-2006, ACSD, polio eradication and measles campaigns, girls' education and gender parity promotion, extension of the WASH programme in concentration zones, and social mobilization for the protection of children against abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect. It is anticipated that an additional $28,000,000 will be required for ACSD, the sustainability of the response to the nutrition crises and WASH promotion. Therefore, an increase of $28,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total of other resources ceiling of $54,494,000 for the period of the country programme.

Sierra Leone

11. The country programme for Sierra Leone for the period 2004-2007 (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.8/Rev.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2003 with an other resources ceiling of 16,000,000. An increase in this ceiling to $20,000,000 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.22) was approved by the Executive Board at its annual session of 2005. To date, the programme has received $20,247,400 in other resources, and expects that additional funds will be received for 2006-2007 for child survival through the ACSD programme and for basic education. Therefore, an increase of $4,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $24,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

East Asia and the Pacific

Indonesia

12. The country programme for Indonesia for the period 2006-2010 (E/ICEF/2005/P/L.35) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2005 with an other resources ceiling of $100,000,000. To date, the programme has received $74,441,200 in other resources. The main contributions came from the European Commission for the mainstreaming of good basic education practices, from the Government of the United Kingdom for the reduction of maternal mortality and from the Government of Japan for interventions aiming at combating avian influenza. It is anticipated that an additional other resources will be received during the programme cycle. Therefore, an increase of $50,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $150,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Papua New Guinea

13. The country programme for Papua New Guinea for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.11/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $3,250,000. To date, the programme has received $10,167,800 in other resources. Currently, other resources funding is primarily provided by the Government of Australia under the partnership agreement with UNICEF covering the period 2005-2008. Additional contributions

were provided by the Government of Japan under the United Nations Trust Fund. Since 2003, other contributions have been received from the Australian Committee for UNICEF, the International Development Research Centre and the Governments of the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. This substantial increase in other resources was driven by the increasing demand for service delivery and capacity-building at the decentralized level in the areas of health and nutrition, girls' education, HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support, and child protection. The additional other resources will also support the country in meeting the targets of the MTSP and strengthen its data system for children and capacity to monitor progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Therefore, an increase of $9,750,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $13,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Middle East and North Africa

Djibouti

14. The country programme for Djibouti for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.14/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $3,750,000. To date, the country programme has received $4,554,900 in other resources. These funds were used to support projects in the areas of immunization, nutrition, community Integrated Management of Childhood Illness, birth registration, PMTCT, prevention of HIV/AIDS among young people, FGM/C, OVCs and girls' education. It is anticipated that additional other resources will be received in 2006 and 2007. Therefore, an increase of $2,500,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $6,250,000 for the period of the country programme.

Sudan

15. The country programme for Sudan for the period 2002-2006 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.46/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2001 with an other resources ceiling of $25,000,000. To date, the country programme has received $27,712,200 in other resources. The signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement on 9 January 2005 initiated a movement from conflict to early recovery and development, with renewed donor interest in the country as a whole and a partial shift from emergency to regular other resources. The programmatic changes through which Operation Lifeline Sudan was integrated into the Southern Sudan Area Programme, which is covered by the UNICEF Sudan management structure, relied on both emergency and regular other resources not previously accounted for in the 2002-2006 country programme. UNICEF transformed its own programme management structure to implement a single country programme with two distinct area programmes (North and South Sudan). As the southern states are aligned into the regular country programme, a higher other resources ceiling will be required. Therefore, an increase of $40,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resource ceiling of $65,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Americas and the Caribbean

Bolivia

16. The country programme for Bolivia for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.8/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session in 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $25,500,000. To date, the country programme has received $28,891,000 in other resources. These funds have been used for health and nutrition, education and child protection and participation at central and local levels. The objectives of the country programme are to: (a) help to ensure a good start in life for children and help them develop to their full potential, paying special attention to adolescents and to marginal areas and groups, through gender-sensitive actions in health, education, protection and participation; and (b) contribute to improving the quality of life and social inclusion of poor Andean and Amazon communities. It is anticipated that an estimated additional $5,000,000 in other resources will be received in 2006-2007. Therefore, an increase of $8,500,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total other resources ceiling of $34,000,000 for the period of the country programme.

Eastern Caribbean multi-country programme

17. The multi-country programme for the Eastern Caribbean for the period 2003-2007 (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.9) — covering Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos Islands — was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session in 2002 with an other resources ceiling of $5,000,000. To date, the multi-country programme has received $4,721,800 in other resources for programmes for early childhood development, adolescents and life skills and social investment for child protection. The objectives of the multi-country programme are to: (a) ensure that all children are born healthy and that children aged 0-8 years have access to an integrated set of childhood services including proper care and education; (b) contribute to adolescents' knowledge, attitudes, and skills and to help create opportunities for their active participation in societal development; and (c) help place children's rights at the centre of national- and community-level public policy and decision-making; (d) cultivate broad societal will for promoting and protecting children's rights; and (e) strengthen government social planning and monitoring efforts. It is anticipated that the multi-country programme will receive additional other resources during 2006-2007. Therefore, an increase of $1,000,000 in the other resources ceiling is requested, for a total of $6,000,000, for the period of the country programme.

Chile

18. The multi-country programme for the Southern Cone (Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay) for the period 2005-2009 (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.6) was approved by the Executive Board at the annual session in 2003 with an other resources ceiling of $18,800,000. For Chile, the approved other resources ceiling was $3,300,000. To date, Chile has received $802,620 in other resources allocated to legislative and institutional reform, public social policies for children and communicating and mobilizing for children's right. UNICEF and the Government of Chile will launch a joint fund- raising campaign in August 2006 to benefit 35,000 children aged

0-12 years from families living in extreme poverty, within the framework of its support the families to improve care for their young children. It is anticipated that this campaign will raise approximately $2,500,000. Therefore, an increase of $2,500,000 in the other resources ceiling for Chile is requested, for a total $5,800,000 for the period of the country programme. The total amount in the other resources ceiling for the multi-year programme for the Southern Cone will be $21,300,000.

Proposed increases to other resources (OR) ceilings for approved country programmes

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Region/country	*Document E/ICEF*	*Programme duration*	*Approved OR ceiling* (A)	*Additional OR to be approved* (B)	*Total OR ceiling* (A+B)
Eastern and Southern Africa					
Angola	2004/P/L.1	2005-2008	68 000	27 000	95 000
Ethiopia	2005/P/L.22	2002-2006	70 000	55 000	125 000
Kenya	2003/P/L.2	2004-2008	32 500	52 500	85 000
West and Central Africa					
Benin	2003/P/L.5	2004-2008	16 000	14 000	30 000
Cameroon	2005/P/L.22	2003-2007	14 000	4 000	18 000
Congo	2003/P/L.6/Rev.1	2004-2008	7 500	4 500	12 000
Côte d'Ivoire	2005/P/L.22	2003-2007	23 000	10 000	33 000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2005/P/L.33	2006-2007	50 000	40 000	90 000
Mali	2002/P/L.6/Add.1	2003-2007	23 242	22 600	45 842
Niger	2003/P/L.7/Rev.1	2004-2007	26 494	28 000	54 694
Sierra Leone	2005/P/L.22	2004-2007	20 000	4 000	24 000
East Asia and the Pacific					
Indonesia	2005/P/L.35	2006-2010	100 000	50 000	150 000
Papua New Guinea	2002/P/L.11	2003-2007	3 250	9 750	13 000
Middle East and North Africa					
Djibouti	2002/P/L.14/Add.1	2003-2007	3 750	2 500	6 250
Sudan	2001/P/L.46/Add.1	2002-2006	25 000	40 000	65 000
Americas and the Caribbean					
Bolivia	2002/P/L.8/Add.1	2003-2007	25 500	8 500	34 000
Eastern Caribbean multi-country	2002/P/L.9	2003-2007	5 000	1 000	6 000
Chile (Southern Cone)	2004/P/L.6	2005-2009	3 300	2 500	5 800
Total increase				**375 850**	

Recommendation

19. It is recommended that the Executive Board approve a total of $375,850,000 in other resources for the approved country programmes for the 18 countries listed in the table of document E/ICEF/2006/P/L.63 for the remaining periods of these programmes, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions.